

1-1-.02 Commercial Driver's License Exemptions: Amended.

(1): The following drivers are exempt from the requirement of obtaining a commercial driver's license prior to operating a commercial motor vehicle:

~~(a)~~A. Active duty military personnel, members of the Reserves and National Guard on active duty (including personnel on full time National Guard duty), personnel on part-time training, and National Guard military technicians (civilians who are required to wear military uniforms and are subject to the code of military justice);

~~(b)~~B. Firefighters and operators of emergency equipment operating vehicles equipped with audible and visual signals while in the employment of a volunteer or paid firefighting organization. Emergency equipment such as a fire truck, hook and ladder truck, foam or water transporter, or other vehicles used only in response to emergencies are included;

~~(c)~~C. Farm vehicle operators, provided, the vehicle is:

- ~~1.~~ (i) Controlled and operated by a farmer, farm employee, or farmer's family member;
- ~~2.~~ (ii) Used to transport either agricultural products, farm machinery, farm supplies, or both, to or from a farm;
- ~~3.~~ (iii) Not used in the operations of a common or contract motor carrier; ~~and~~
- ~~4.~~ (iv) Used within 150 miles of the farmer's farm;
- ~~5.~~ (v) Registered in this state or another state;
- ~~6.~~ (vi) Must be equipped with either a license plate or possess such other special designation issued by the state where such vehicle is registered, ~~and~~ the license plate or special designation must indicate that such vehicle is a covered farm vehicle.; and
- ~~7.~~ (vii) A Farm Related Service Industry Waiver is required.

~~(d)~~D. Operators of recreational vehicles;

(2): Drivers who are exempted from having a commercial driver's license shall obtain licensure in the following classes of non-commercial licenses;:

~~(a)A.~~ Class E – Truck trailer or tractor-trailer combination with a gross combined weight rating of more than 26,001 pounds and the vehicle being towed is in excess of 10,001 pounds;

~~(b)B.~~ Class F – Straight truck or truck trailer combination with a gross combined weight rating;

~~(c)C.~~ Applicants applying for a Class E or F noncommercial license must furnish an affidavit in lieu of a road test showing a minimum of three (3) months or 3,000 miles driving experience in a vehicle which represents that class or obtain a permit.

(3). If members of the National Guard, military personnel, firefighters and other operators of emergency equipment, farmers and operators of recreational vehicles apply for a commercial driver's license, they will be required to pay the application fee, driving skills test, and license fees unless:

~~(a)A.~~ They hold or have held a veteran's driver's license, ~~(veterans that served during wartime and veterans that honorably served outside of wartime or a military conflict where the President committed troops).~~—

~~(b)B.~~ Submit a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD-214), completed DS-516 (Veteran's Driver's License/Identification Card Form) to the commercial driver's license application or already hold or have held a Veteran's driver's license or permit. Alternate prescribed forms can be filled out to provide benefits to a surviving spouse or U.S. allies.

~~(c)C.~~ They are employed as a school bus driver with a city, county, state, or school system.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 40-5-156, and 40-5-142, 49 C.F.R. § 390.9.

SYNOPSIS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

The purpose of this amendment is to review and update the Commercial Driver's Licensing rules.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULE

The proposed amendment aligns the rule with current DDS practice of accepting a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD-214) to obtain a veterans' license,

or an alternate prescribed form to provide benefits to a surviving spouse or U.S. allies. The rule title, numbering format, and statutory authority are updated.